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AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON

COMNAVTELCOM WASHDC

USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN

COMIDEASTFOR

NAVCOMMUNIT ASMARA

NAVCOMMSTA NEA MAKRI

CNO WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 0951

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, ET

SUBJECT: MASSAWA CONVOY ATTACKED

1. AFTER ALMOST FIVE MONTHS OF UNHINDERED PASSAGE FROM MASSAWA TO ASMARA, A FUEL CONVOY WAS ATTACKED BY INSURGENTS ON THE AFTER-NOON OF NOV 17. THE ATTACK, WHICH OCCURRED BETWEEN IMBATKALA AND NEFASIT (25KM AND 32KM MARKERS) WAS LAUNCHED AGAINST THE SECOND SECTION OF A LOADED CONVOY ON ITS WAY TO ASMARA. PRELIMINARY REPORTS INDICATE THAT AT LEAST THREE, AND PERHAPS AS MANY AS TEN, TRUCKS WERE DESTROYED AND DAMAGED, WHILE ONE DRIVER IS BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED. FLAMES FROM BURNING TRUCKS WERE REPORTEDLY SEEN BY DRIVERS IN THE FIRST SECTION OF THE CONVOY WHICH WAS JUST BELOW THE ASMARA CHECKPOINT AT THE TIME. THE REMAINDER OF THE CONVOY IS SAID TO BE STALLED AT IMBATKALA.

2. COMMENT: FOR THE MOMENT, THE EPMG AUTHORITIES APPEAR TO VIEW
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THIS ATTACK AS AN ISOLATED INCIDENT, AS NO DRACONIAN COUNTER-

MEASURES HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN. IF THE SALE OF FUEL IS SUSPENDED,
OR IF A SIGNIFICANT COUNTER STRIKE IS LAUNCHED, IT WOULD APPEAR TO
INDICATE SERIOUS THREAT TO THIS VITAL ARTERY MAY BE IN THE OFFING.
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